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AN ANECDOTE OF GEN. WOLFE.

From "Cassell's Popular History of the United States" we take the following anecdote: In making his arrangements, Pitt disregarded, as far as influences to the contrary permitted him, the spurious claims of seniority, and gave the chief commands to those whom he thought most fitted. His sagacity perceived that no man was better qualified for the expedition against Quebec than the young soldier, James Wolfe; and to Wolfe he accordingly assigned it. Yet, if we may believe a singular anecdote recorded by an eminent historian of our own times, he had momentary cause to doubt the reasonableness of his selection when it was too late to alter the appointment. Wolfe, it will be recollected, was in England when the command was conferred on him; and, on the day preceding his embarkation for America, Pitt invited him to dinner, that he might give him his last verbal instructions. Lord Temple, one of the Ministers, whose sister Pitt had married, was the only other guest, and through him the anecdote has come down to posterity. Toward the latter end of the evening, Wolfe burst forth into a strain of the most extraordinary gasconade. He drew his sword, rapped the table with it, flourished it about the room, and boasted of the mighty deeds it should achieve. His strange and unseemly conduct could not be attributed to excess in wine, for he had drank but little. Whatever the cause, the effect was so staggering that the two statesmen looked at each other aghast; and when Wolfe had taken his leave, and his carriage was heard to roll from the door, Pitt lifted up his eyes and arms in horror, and exclaimed, 'Good God! that I should have entrusted the fate of the country and of the administration to such hands.'"

ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCIDENTS.

Several curious accidents have occurred at the Electrical Exhibition. A gentleman was leaning over a balustrade to examine an extremely interesting machine of M. Christofle, when his gold chain made a connection between two conducting wires which happened to be exposed. His chain became red-hot and set fire to his waistcoat. *Another gentleman* was nearly killed recently by a Brush dynamo electric machine. Part of the conducting wire was not insulated, and was lying on the floor. He touched the stand of a lamp which formed part of the conducting system. His body then formed a connection through the ground to the naked wire, and contracted his muscles so as to cause his hand to clench the lamp. Ten lamps were in circuit at the time, and so much current was passed through him that eight of them were extinguished. He was powerless to unclasp his hand. Every muscle in his body was paralyzed. His face was distorted; his lungs were so acted upon that he could scarcely breathe. He could only utter a faint and inarticulate cry. The workmen in the place fled, believing that some explosion was about to happen. A friend came up and tried to unlock his hand. It was impossible. He then lifted his leg from the ground. This broke the circuit, and his hands were released, while burning sparks flew to his hands in the action of breaking the circuit. He was insensible, but has since then greatly recovered, and an improvement to the lamp has been devised which will prevent a recurrence of such an accident.

HE LOVED THE FLAG.

A Woodward avenue saloonist was decorating his bar the other day with small flags when a stranger who had just got outside of four inches of whisky, leaned his elbows on the bar and observed:

"Stranger, I do love that flag."

"Do, eh?"

"You bet I do."

"Were you in the war?"

"Not exactly, but my heart was there."

"Where was your body?"

"Say, that's the only thing I blame this government for. If there hadn't been such golden chances to make from four hundred dollars to nine hundred dollars by jumping the bounty, I'd have died for the flag, and my old dad and two brothers would have died for her. It was a mean trick of Uncle Sam to shake six hundred dollars at a feller who wanted to wrap that old flag around him and die on the field. I jumped the bounty four different times, and between me and you I wish I hadn't. You see, I hain't hardly got the face now to ask Uncle Sam to grant me a pension for a broken leg received while on the scoot for Canada, though I may work it up in time. Bless the old stars and stripes—and gimme a leetle more of that same brand."—*Detroit Free Press.*

AN IRISH HIGHWAYMAN.

Brennan, the famous Irish highwayman, was a little Bonaparte in his way. He once robbed three officers in a post-chaise, and left them, telling them he would report them to the Duke of York, as unworthy to serve the king, for allowing themselves to be robbed by a single man. He wore a leathern girdle round his middle, stuck with pistols. There was an attempt made by two police officers in the town of Tipperary to arrest him early in the morning in bed; but he jumped the window, and his wife threw a pair of pistols out to him. They pursued him to a by-field, where they came up to him in his shirt; but he kept one of them at bay with one pistol, while with the other he stood over the second policeman, till he made him strip off his clothes, which he put on himself, thus making him return to town as he (Brennan) had left it, namely—in his shirt.

It is to Brennan belongs the story incorrectly credited to Cartouche. Brennan, in company with two other "gentlemen," robbed a mail coach and took a good quantity of booty—making the passengers lie down in the muddy road and rifling them at leisure.

"This money will be but very little among three," whispered Brennan to his neighbor, as the three conquerors were making merry over their gains; "if you were to pull the trigger of your pistol in the neighborhood of your comrade's ear, perhaps it might go off, and then there would be but two of us to share.

Strangely enough, as Brennan said, the pistol did go off and No. 3 perished.

"Give him another ball," said Brennan, and another was fired into him. But no sooner had his comrade discharged both his pistols, than Brennan, himself seized with a furious indignation, drew his.

"Learn, monster," cried he, "not to be so greedy of gold; and perish, the victim of thy disloyalty and avarice."

And he sent him to join his victim and rifled both the corpses at his leisure.

A TREASURE TROVE.

A very singular discovery is reported to have been made by a party of six Spaniards while on a shooting expedition in the island of Formentara which is part of the Balearic group. They came upon a large cavern, entrance to which seemed almost impossible, owing to the thick growth of brambles. Their curiosity, however, was excited by the evidence that the cavern had been made by human hands, and they cleared away the obstacles in their path, arriving after several hours hard work in a spacious chamber of Arab architecture in an excellent state of preservation. In the centre of this chamber stood two splendid tombs of very peculiar shape, and of great external beauty. They lifted without much difficulty the lids of these two tombs, and were greatly astonished to find that they contained the mummies of a young woman and an elderly man of colossal stature. Upon the head of the woman was a diadem which, if the stones are real, is of priceless value. There was a large pearl necklace round her throat, carbuncles in her ears, and her fingers were covered with rings. The male figure had an imperial crown upon his head, and a sceptre in his right hand. The people of the island were aware of the existence of this cavern, but they believed that it was only a refuge for the serpents which are so numerous there. Four of the Spaniards remain in the cavern to guard the treasure trove, while the two other have gone to Madrid to inform the authorities of the discovery.

MAGIC MIRRORS. An exchange says that the magic mirrors, which have been a good deal discussed of late, are all of metal. M. Laurent has succeeded in making them of glass, which is sufficiently elastic for the purpose.

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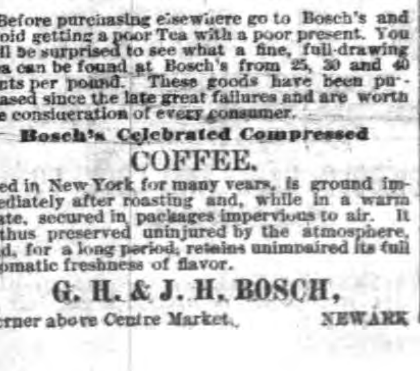

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